

snails were confined to one part of the garden, I made an effort to eradicate the species and this for a time appeared successful. However, the snails reappeared in even greater abundance and were still present when I left Collie at the end of 1962.

A series of shells collected in Collie is significantly darker than similar series from maritime situations.

Snails and slugs are sometimes transported in garden produce such as lettuce—a possible means of introduction to inland areas.

In late August and early September 1961, my son Lindsay and I accompanied Mr. Julian Ford on an excursion from Perth to Port Gregory. Specimens of *Theba pisana* were collected at Port Gregory, Freshwater Point and Lancelin.

Dunsborough is another locality not specifically recorded from which I have specimens.

—ERIC H. SEDGWICK, Harvey.

Red-tailed Tropic-bird at Collie.—In June 1964, the Superintendent of the South Perth Zoo, Mr. W. K. Lyall, notified the Fisheries Department that Mr. Laurie Moloney, of Buckingham, via Collie, was holding an unidentified bird. From the description given it seemed that it was a sea bird and a letter was sent to Mr. Moloney requesting him to forward it to Perth for identification. The bird was duly received at the Museum and subsequently passed to Dr. D. L. Serventy to be cared for by Miss C. A. Nicholls.

We were surprised to discover that the bird was an immature Red-tailed Tropic-bird (*Phaethon rubricauda*). In recent years this species has shown a tendency to nest south of the Abrolhos which had been the only regularly used breeding site on our coast. In 1939, a bird was found brooding an egg on a beach at Busselton and, in 1957, three Tropic-birds nested on Rottnest Island, but none was successful in raising any progeny. The discovery of the young bird by Mr. Moloney suggests very strongly that successful breeding must have taken place south of the Abrolhos this year. No doubt this immature bird would have been driven inland by the gales experienced about the time of its finding.

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Red-tailed Tropic-bird Near Cape Naturaliste.—During a holiday at Dunsborough I paid a visit on March 28, 1964, to Sugarloaf, a well-known fishing spot a little to the south of Cape Naturaliste. The sun-dried remains of a Red-tailed Tropic-bird (*Phaethon rubricauda*) were found on the hillside facing the sea. Measurements were: wing, 340 mm.; culmen, 66 mm.; tarsus, 35 mm. The species has been recorded from the same general area by Serventy and Whittell (*Birds of Western Australia*, 1962: 101) and by Warham (*W.A. Nat.*, 5, 1956: 120).

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